

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the proposed amendment would be entered for purposes of appeal and then claims 3, 10 and 16-20 would be allowed. Applicants have decided to accept claims of this scope in the instant case and pursue broader claims in a continuing application.

In this amendment, claims 1, 2 and 11-15 are cancelled. Claims 5-8 have not been cancelled but are proposed here to be dependent on allowed claim 3. Since there was no § 112 rejection of these claims, it is respectfully submitted that the change in dependency has put them in condition to be allowed.

In light of all of the foregoing considerations, withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of this applications is respectfully requested.

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